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Top Secret Control Officer, DDO

FROM : J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief, DCI History Staff

SUBJECT : Review and Release of CIA Documents to Department of  
State Historians

1. Dr. Charles Sampson and his team of official historians from the Department of State have asked permission to use 117 CIA-originated documents from the National Archives (list attached) in preparing a Vietnam War volume in the official documentary series, Foreign Relations of the United States. Please note that some of these documents (e.g. notes, file lists, cross reference sheets, etc.) lack classification markings, since they are taken from the personal papers of General J. Lawton Collins, which are now in the National Archives' custody. I would appreciate your reviewing these documents to decide whether they can be released (at their present classifications, unless you wish to sanitize or downgrade them) to the Department of State for Dr. Sampson's use.

2. Dr. Sampson's team and the Department of State have agreed to the attached "CIA Records Access Policy," which requires further CIA review before any of the classified material you may now release to them can be declassified, downgraded, or published.

3. I would be grateful if you would return these documents with your determination to the DCI History Staff, Room 316 Ames.



J. Kenneth McDonald

Attachment

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when separated from attached  
documents.

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